and one NRI, based in United States, working as sourcing consultant;

(b) whether Government had received any reports from vigilance sources about the involvement of top Semiconductor Complex Limited functionaries in these financial misdemeanours and corrupt practics and what are the comments of the DOE on these findings;

(c) whether after the sack of the previous CMD, new procedural norms for purchase were enforced by DOE and Vigilance Wing and whether the present incumbent has been violating these with impunity; and

(d) whether any MoU has been signed between SCL and one Divergent Technologies of USA for revamping the SCL complex and if so, what are the credentials and technical capabilities of the latter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Complaints have been received against the Chairman & Managing Dirsector, Semiconductor Complex Ltd. (SCL), Mohali, alleging the involvement with a NRI based in the USA. The allegations are under verification.

(b) Yes, Sir. A report received from the Chief Vigilance Officer of the company is being examined.

(c) The Department of Electronics has not prescribed purchase procedure to the SCL.

(d) No MoU has been signed between the SCL and Divergent Technologies of USA for revamping the SCL Complex. However, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been entered into by both the parties in September, 1993 for acquiring multi-media capabilities by the SCL and for marketing VLSU|ASICS products in the USA.

Bomb blast in Jammu

1383. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed in the bomb blast in a bus at Jammu in the first week of December and what relief has been given to next to kin of killed and injured by Government; and

(b) what are the details and nationality of persons arrested in connection with the blast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) No such incident took place in Jammu during the first week of December '94. However, on 28-11-1994, an explosion took place in a passenger bus going from Jammu to Katra, in which 10 persons were killed and 44 were injured. On 30th November, blast occurred in another bus travelling to Jammu from Kathua, in which 15 persons were injured.

Ex-gratia relief of Rs. 1 lakh each was announced by the State Government in respect of persons who were killed, and Rs. 5,000|- for those who were injured.

Efforts are on to trace the culprits behind these bomb blasts.

Militants in custody in Jammu and Kashmir

1384. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militants operating in the State of Jammu and Kashmir taken into custody during